Development on non-hurting weapons

*594. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US Defence Department has developed a satellite dish type weapon which, when fired, causes burning sensation to human being without actually burning them;

(b) if so, whether our Government have any plans to develop similar weapons for using the same against terrorist and anti-social elements; and

(c) if so, by when this system of weapons would be developed and put in use?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) there are media reports about development of such a system.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Committee on Short Services Commission

*595. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision to constitute a High Level Committee to make Short Services Commission more attractive;

(b) if so, the composition of the said Committee; and

(c) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SrNGH): (a) The Government had constituted a High Level Committee, to give recommendations for making Short Service Commission more attractive, in September, 1998.

(b) The composition of the Committee is as follows:

(i) Additional Secretary, Ministry of Defence — Chairman